

Calverley Urban District Council.

The Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

for the Year ending, December 31st, 1915.

To the Chairman and Members of the Calverley Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the district for the year 1915.

During the first and second quarters of the year there was very little sickness, only six cases of notifiable diseases occurring.

In the third quarter only one notification was received.

The fourth quarter was responsible for an outbreak of Diphtheria, no less than 14 cases being notified and there were also 5 cases of Scarlet Fever.

Owing to the prevalence of Diphtheria I ordered the closing of the Day and Sunday Schools for a period of three weeks and recommended that social gatherings of all descriptions should be dispended.

Population— The estimated population at December 31st, as received from Dr. Kaye was 3,424.

Birth Rate— There were 51 births registered in the district during the year to which is to be added 1 transferable birth, making a total of 52 :- 32 boys and 20 girls, giving a birth rate of 15.1 per thousand for the year.

The Rate for England and Wales is 21.5.

Three illegitimate births were registered.

Birth Rates and
Number of
Births since—

1912	1913	1914	1915
16.5	18.4	15.2	15.1
50	56	47	52

Mortality—

There have been 39 deaths registered in the district during the year, and to this number have to be added 3 deaths of residents which occurred outside the district. Six deaths of non-residents have to be deducted, making a total of 36—12 males and 24 females. The death rate of residents during the year is 10.5 per thousand, being a slight increase on the previous year. The Rate for England and Wales is 15.1.

Death Rates, Number of Deaths and average Age at Death during the year.

1912	1913	1914	1915
10.8	12.1	9.1	10.5
33	37	28	36
58.5	54	53	60

There were 4 deaths in the Calverley Moor Hospital, two from Scarlet Fever, and two from Enteric, all being non-residents.

There were 7 Inquest cases—5 residents and 2 non-residents.

The Mortuary has been of service.

There were 2 deaths of Infants under 1 year of age from Inanition and 1 from Premature Birth, these give an Infantile Mortality rate of 57.6 per thousand births registered. The Infantile Mortality rate for England and Wales is 110 per 1000.

Number of Cases of Infantile Mortality for 4 years and Rates.

1912	1913	1914	1915
3	2	3	3
60	35.7	63.8	57.6

Ages at Death-

Up to 1 Year	1 to 10	10 to 20	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70
3	1	1	1	2	4	7
		70 to 80	80 to 90	Over 90		
		14	1	2		

Causes of Death—

Senile Decay	Cardiac Disease	Cancer	Bronchitis	Nephritis	Inanition and Premature Birth	Tuberculosis	Cerebral Hæmorrhage	Other defined Diseases
9	7	2	1	1	3	1	3	4

Inquests

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Zymotic Diseases—

There were 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, 15 of Diphtheria, and 2 of Erysipelas notified. No deaths. Two cases of Tubercular Disease and 1 case of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.

In June there were a few cases of Measles, and in July several cases of Chicken Pox.

As noted, 15 cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year, one in January, the remainder during the last quarter of the year. All the cases came under the care of Dr. Bateman and myself. Immediately a case developed it was removed to the Hospital with the exception of one very mild case which but for the vigilance of Dr. Bateman would have been overlooked.

It is pleasing to note that not a single death occurred, and this I attribute to :- (1) early detection of the cases, (2) removal to Hospital, (3) efficient following up of the cases by your Inspector, Mr. Walker.

No death was registered as due to Phthisis, (Consumption.)

Calverley Moor Hospital, table for the year 1915.

	SCARLET FEVER	ENTERIC	DIPHTH-ERIA	Admitted	Dis-charged.	Died
CALVERLEY	6	0	14	20	13	0
PUDSEY	23	3	3	29	22	3
ECCLERSHILL	7	1	3	11	10	0
IDLE	8	1	1	10	6	0
FARSLEY	3	3	6	12	10	1
TOTAL ..	47	8	27	82	61	4

Nuisances — 9 inspections were made during the year. Six Statutory Notices were served, all of which were complied with. No complaints of nuisances were received during the year.

Cowsheds — These have been inspected. The condition of the Cowsheds is fairly satisfactory, and that of the Slaughter-houses — Slaughter Houses good.

Ashpits & Privies — The emptying of these Ashpits has been satisfactorily performed by the contractors. Nine Privies were converted to W. C's. Seven additional W. C's. were provided for old property and ten constructed in new houses.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

JOHN R. LAMBERT,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

